

God of the universe, Father to us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

During these few days before the House breaks for the final weeks of the campaign, send us Your spirit of peace. Inspire the Members to complete their charge to promote the common good of our Nation. Comfort those who continue to suffer from the coronavirus, and protect those who labor still to treat the disease and bring an effective vaccine to the world.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CLINE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MUST BE FIXED

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, in the era of COVID-19, people are reliant on the United States Postal Service more than ever, a beloved American institution built on trust, reliability, and durability.

During the Presidential elections of 1864, 156 years ago, during the end of the Civil War, soldiers were mailed ballots, and they voted and returned those ballots via the United States Postal Service. There was no fraud.

Sadly and unbelievably, the United States Postal Service is being sabotaged from within. The Trump Postmaster has removed and destroyed 671 sorting machines nationally, including 5 of 20 from Buffalo. I inspected the Buffalo facility on September 9 and found priority mail delayed for more than a month—or longer.

The dedicated postal workers at the Buffalo facility report that the situation has worsened in the past few days. Mail is sitting on the floor. Five of 20 mail sorters were removed or destroyed.

Today I am calling on the Nation's Postmaster to fix and to restore all mail sorters to the Buffalo facility.

Our postal workers and letter carriers do great work for the American people. This administration needs to get out of the way and allow them to do their job, their good and honest public service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. GIANFORTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark National Suicide Awareness Month.

Unfortunately, Montanans are all too familiar with the epidemic of suicide. As we have faced this ongoing public health and economic crisis, the demand for mental health services has grown.

In Gallatin County, my home, crisis response therapists have experienced a higher volume of calls. Each month they receive more calls than the last from people needing help. Centers throughout Montana are seeing similar increases.

To confront the greater demand for services and to help people in crisis, we must ensure access to necessary resources are available. One crucial resource is the national suicide hotline.

I am grateful to my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, for working with me to designate 988 as the hotline's number. I am proud of that bipartisan accomplishment.

Let's continue to provide these critical resources for those who need them the most and support them through their darkest hours.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MADELEINE BRENNAN

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Ms. Madeleine Brennan, a legend in Dyker Heights and a testament to the idea that great schools begin with great leaders.

For 50 years, Madeleine served as the principal of Dyker Heights Intermediate School, making her the longest serving principal in New York City history and perhaps the entire country.

She loved her job so much that even when her pension and 401(k) meant that she could make more money in retirement, she kept on working. That passion inspired many of her students to not only become teachers themselves, but to return to Dyker Heights Intermediate School to work on her staff.

Ms. Brennan passed away this past April, but her legacy lives on in the thousands of lives she influenced over the years. She will be dearly missed.

CONGRATULATING NICOLE BERG

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, some may say that I am biased, but I firmly believe that Washington State is home to the best farmers in the world. Today I rise to congratulate one of those incredible farmers, my fellow Washingtonian, Nicole Berg, for her appointment to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation board of directors.

Nicole's experience as a fourth-generation farmer in central Washington has provided her with a strong, yet personal, understanding of the needs of family-run farms in the United States.

For many years, I have seen Nicole's passion for putting food on America's table. Her work with the National Association of Wheat Growers has been of immense benefit to the region and to the world. And there is no doubt in my mind that she will be a great asset to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

I wish Nicole the very best as she enters this new chapter. Her appointment to the FCIC board of directors is well deserved, and I congratulate her on this fantastic achievement.

HONORING AMERICANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO COVID-19

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the over 200,000 Americans who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and the over 7 million people who have been infected.

The pandemic has put great stress on our communities and wreaked havoc on our economy. Millions of Americans have lost their jobs and, with it, their health insurance.

During the pandemic, common sense would say we should strengthen our national healthcare system. President Trump and the congressional Republicans continue their assault on the Affordable Care Act, urging the courts to strike the law down.

The House has passed 340 bipartisan health bills. The Senate refuses to take them up.

The President signs executive orders that do nothing. They do not protect people with preexisting conditions or cover preventative medicine. The ACA does.

The President claims to have a healthcare plan to replace the ACA, but he only intends to release it after the election.

This is no way to govern. It is time to end the political stunts, to work across the aisle, and to get serious about the health of the American people.

SUPREME COURT FIGHT IS ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, the insightful columnist Star Parker provided an extraordinary analysis, "Supreme Court Fight is about Life and Death," in the Aiken Standard.

"CHUCK SCHUMER, Senate minority leader, says, 'Our number one goal must be to communicate the stakes of this Supreme Court fight to the American people' . . . 'nothing is off the table.'"

"Nothing? Not even violence?"

" . . . Senator SCHUMER is right that the American people must know what's at stake."

"Will we have a culture of life and civility, or a culture of death, violence, and chaos. . . ."

"Fortunately, President Donald Trump understands what is at stake."

Because of "the diligence of this President and the Republican Senate, we will soon see an outstanding conservative woman—one who respects both the sanctity of life and the sanctity of our Nation's institutions—fill this Court vacancy."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Godspeed, Amy Barrett and Carol Davis.

HONORING TOM WICKHAM

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a faithful servant of the people's House, Parliamentarian Tom Wickham.

Tom is only the fifth Parliamentarian in this institution's history, and he is concluding his 25 years of service in the Parliamentarian's Office this week.

One of the distinguishing features of Tom's service has been his work with the House Democracy Partnership and his willingness to extend himself internationally, to share his experiences and insight with those organizing and administering parliaments in emerging, often struggling democracies.

Just last fall, Members would have been heartened to see the reception that Tom, along with Clerk Cheryl Johnson and Shuwanza Goff, received from their counterparts in Kenya, Liberia, Ethiopia, and The Gambia.

We have all benefited from Tom's dedicated service and the skill, integrity, and fairness he has brought to the Parliamentarian's role.

We wish him and his family Godspeed as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING NEW FREEDOM FARM

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Freedom Farm in Buchanan, Virginia.

Founded in 2016 by Lois Fritz, New Freedom Farm is a nonprofit community that aids veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, and traumatic brain injury.

Through animal therapy, farming, and peer-to-peer support, this tremendous organization strives to empower veterans and help them heal through the realization of their own efforts and contributions. The farm says its mission is to heal heroes through horses.

At the facility, veterans often develop deep friendships through equine activity and gentling, fostering, physical, emotional, and spiritual health, which helps with reintegration into civilian life.

They offer their services to veterans entirely free of charge and say they are able to operate through donations and faith.

I applaud the entire team at New Freedom Farm for their passion and commitment to serving those who serve our Nation. I wish them continued success moving forward and thank them for their incredible work.

CONGRATULATIONS, DALLASTOWN ELEMENTARY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the faculty, staff, and students of Dallastown Elementary School in the Dallastown Area School District on being recognized as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was founded nearly 40 years ago to recognize outstanding public and private schools that are making a difference and exemplify excellence. Dallastown Elementary was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School.

I thank Dallastown Area Superintendent Dr. Joshua Doll, the school board, and the leadership and teachers at Dallastown Elementary for working so hard for this achievement. In their application, school principal Charles Patterson noted that one of the distinguishing characteristics he sees about Dallastown Elementary is that they have built a school family. The quality education these students receive prepares them for success throughout the rest of their lives.

Congratulations, again, to Dallastown Elementary School for being named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School.

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THE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING ARE TWO-TIME STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring some thunder to the House Chamber and recognize the now two-time Stanley Cup Champion Tampa Bay Lightning.

Behind the leadership of Captain Steven Stamkos and Stanley Cup MVP Victor Hedman, the Bolts have enshrined themselves as one of the greatest teams of all time.

Although COVID prevented fans from attending the playoffs, the distant thunder of the greatest fans in hockey and the determination of the Lightning got them to the top of the mountain, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we say in Tampa Bay, Stanley Needs a Tan. And let me just say, it is sunny back in Tampa Bay.

While one Tampa Bay championship run comes to an end, another begins. Best of luck to the Tampa Bay Rays as they begin their quest to secure their first World Series title.

Let's make Tampa Bay Title Town USA.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I remind Mr. BILIRAKIS, everyone knows that Detroit is actually hockey town.

Mr. Speaker, every day, members in law enforcement put on their uniform not knowing if they are going to come home, these mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, and daughters.

In an era of heightened rhetoric, I stand here today to say thank you to our women and men in uniform.

Recently, we have seen a rise in attacks against police officers across the country and even in west Michigan.

This month, officers in Muskegon Heights responded to a domestic disturbance where two people were shot, one of them murdered.

A police chase ensued when a deputy encountered the suspect driving the wrong way. When the deputy tried to apprehend the suspect while driving, he was fired upon.

Multiple departments working together were able to use a police cruiser to disable the suspect's vehicle.

Unbeknownst to the officers, there was also a developmentally disabled woman in the backseat who was rescued and brought to safety.

This incredible story follows a weekend where 11 shootings took place in Grand Rapids.

Despite all this, some of my colleagues still think that defunding the police is a good idea. I am here to tell you it is not. This will only hurt community policing initiatives for the very communities that need it the most.

So, Mr. Speaker, I say thank you to the incredible men and women who